immediate preservation of the public health and safety and having been passed by a yea and nay vote supported by three-fifths of all the members elected to each of the two Houses of the General Assembly, the same shall take effect from the date of its passage.

Approved April 29, 1986.

CHAPTER 138

(Senate Bill 205)

AN ACT concerning

Collection Agencies - License Fees

FOR the purpose of increasing the license fee for collection agencies required to be licensed to engage in the business of a collection agency in this State.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article 56 - Licenses Section 327(a) Annotated Code of Maryland (1983 Replacement Volume and 1985 Supplement)

SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

Article 56 - Licenses

327.

(a) The annual license fee for each calendar year or part of a calendar year is [\$100] \$150 for each place of business. At the time the license application is filed, the applicant shall pay to the Commissioner the license fee. The fee is nonrefundable.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July 1, 1986.

Approved April 29, 1986.